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AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

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SUBJ: UNCTAD MEETINGS ON COMMODITIES: COPPER -
PRELIMINARY CONSUMER DISCUSSIONS

REF: STATE 219328

1. EXTAFF OFFICIAL JEAN TREMBLAY (COMMERCAIL POLICY
DIVISION) INFORMED EMBOFF OF FOLLOWING CANADIAN
REACTION TO SUBSTANCE REFTEL:

A. GOC STILL IN PROCESS OF DEVELOPING INTERNAL
CONSENSUS ON FORMAL INTERNATIONAL COPPER POLICY.

B. GOC DOES NOT OBJECT TO INCLUSION OF COPPER ON
THE AGENDA OF THE SEPTEMBER 21-22 HIGH-LEVEL GROUP
ON COMMODITIES (HLGC) MEETING IN PARIS. HOWEVER,
THE GOC DOES NOT CONSIDER THE OECD A PARTICULARLY
SUITABLE FORUM FOR SUBSTANTIVE COPPER DISCUSSIONS
BECAUSE IF IT WERE WIDELY KNOWN AMONG PRODUCERS
AND LDC'S THAT OECD IS BEING USED AS A FORUM TO
DEVELOP A CONSUMER'S POSITION, THIS WOULD INEVITABLY
GIVE SUBSEQUENT CONSUMER/PRODUCER DISCUSSIONS AN
UNFORTUNATE NORTH-SOUTH FLAVOR. GOC NEVERTHELESS
WILL ATTEND OECD MEETING.

C. GOC UNDERSTANDS THAT HLGC CHAIRMAN PRESTON
WANTED ONLY AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON COPPER. HIF
SO, GOC BELIEVES SUCH EXCHANGE WOULD REQUIRE LESS
THAN HALF A DAY AND THEREFORE SEES NO NEED TO
EXTEND HLGC MEETING TO SEPTEMBER 23 FOR THIS
PURPOSE.

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D. RE COMMENT IN PARA 5 REFTEL, GOC DOES NOT
WANT UNITED STATES TO RELY ON CANADA TO "ACT AS A
BRIDGE BETWEEN THE CONSUMING AND PRODUCING INTERESTS
AT THE MEETING." GOC SUGGESTS INSTEAD THAT U.S.
SEEK MORE DIRECT MEANS OF CONSULTING WITH PRODUCERS
SUCH AS INFORMAL PRODUCER/CONSUMER CONTACTS IN PARIS
FOLLOWING HLGC MEETING. CANADIANS WOULD LIKE

TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS AND
THEIR REPRESENTATIVES AT THE HLGC MEETING WOULD BE
PREPARED TO DO SO. OF OTHER PARTICIPANTS WOULD AGREE
TO DELAY, GOC WOULD ALSO SUPPORT HOLDING INFORMAL
DISCUSSIONS IN GENEVA DURING COURSE OF SEPTEMBER 27 -
OCTOBER 1 UNCTAD MEETING.
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